

A FORM OF THANKSGIVING

TO

ALMIGHTY GOD

FOR THE

BLESSINGS OF HARVEST

AND THE CONTINUANCE OF PEACE,

TO BE USED IN ALL CHURCHES AND CHAPELS IN THE DIOCESE
OF QUEBEC, ON THURSDAY THE FOURTH DAY OF
DECEMBER NEXT,

BEING THE DAY APPOINTED BY

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL,

FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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BY AUTHORITY.  
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Morning and Evening Prayer shall be the same with the usual Office for Sundays and Holy-days; except where it is in this Office otherwise appointed.

PROPER PSALMS, 65, 104, 147.

First Lesson. Deut. viii.

Second Lesson. 2 Cor. ix.

Instead of the Collect for the day, shall be used the two which here follow:

COLLECTS.

I.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast blessed the labours of the husbandman, and given unto us the fruits of the earth in their season, grant us grace to use the same to thy glory, the relief of those that are needy, and our own comfort, through Jesus Christ, who is the living bread, which cometh down from heaven and giveth life unto the world; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

II.

O ALMIGHTY God and heavenly Father, we glorify thee that we are once more permitted to enjoy the fulfilment of thy gracious promise, that while the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest shall not fail. Blessed be thou who hast given us the fruits of the earth in their season. Teach us to remember that it is not by bread alone that man doth live; but grant we may feed on him who is the true bread, which cometh down from heaven, even Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, in whose name we pray, and to whom with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, be honour and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

After the General Thanksgiving shall be said the two following:

A LMIGHTY Father, we bless and praise thee, that in love to thy children thou hast at this season bestowed upon us an abundant supply, (or, thine accustomed supply) for all our necessities; grant that we may never be destitute of those better gifts which nourish and enrich the soul. Thou hast watered our fields with the dews of heaven, and poured out upon us the former and the latter rain, according to our need: Thou hast

reserved unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest. And now we further beseech thee, merciful Father, to shower down upon us thy heavenly grace, and endue us with the gifts of thy Holy Spirit, so that we may bring forth abundant fruits to thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who art a strong tower of defence unto thy servants against the face of their enemies: We yield thee praise and thanksgiving for our deliverance from those apparent dangers wherewith we were compassed. We acknowledge thy goodness for that thou hast thus far preserved us in tranquillity and safety, most humbly and heartily beseeching thee so to dispose the hearts of men and the course of events, which are alike under thy governance, that we may live in wealth, peace and godliness, and may shew forth our thankfulness unto thee, the giver of all good, by ever working that which is well-pleasing in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the order for the ministration of the Holy Communion, instead of the Collect for the day, shall be used the two which here follow:

O ALMIGHTY God, Lord of the Harvest, whose dearly beloved Son, after his resurrection from the dead, sent his apostles into all the world; and on the day of ~~the~~ Pentecost gave them the Holy Ghost, that they might gather in the spiritual harvest; we beseech thee, to look down from heaven upon the fields now white unto the harvest, in this country, and in many distant lands; and to send forth more laborers into thy harvest, to gather fruit unto eternal life; and grant us grace to labour with them in prayers and offerings to thee, that when the harvest of the earth is ripe, and the time for reaping is come, we, together with them may rejoice before thee, according to the joy in harvest, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Epistle: Philippians iv. v. 9.

Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity.

Not that I speak in respect of want; for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content.

I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound; every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction.

For the Gospel: Luke ix. 51.

And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem.

And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him.

And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem.

And when his disciples James and John saw *this*, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?

But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.

For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save *them*. And they went to another village.

* * *It is recommended that the collections made upon the occasion, be given in aid of the Church Society's Fund for the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy: Except in the case of the Chapels in Quebec, where (another opportunity being reserved for that object,) it is recommended that they should be appropriated for the benefit of the Finlay Asylum.*